resulting in foreign exchange savings of the order of about Rs. 80 crores during the current financial year as a consequence of the above decision.

(c) The stock of confiscated gold with the Government as on the date of decision at (a) above was 18. 89 MTs. Confiscated gold is being "sold by State Bank of India to the jewellery exporters at the prevailing London Metal Exchange price plus the usual service charges of India Government Mint, Bombay.

Wage revision of the employees of India Firebricks Insulation Company Ltd.

876. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Miniaer of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a notification was issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises in Jan uary, 1990 about granting second ad-hoc relief to the employees of public sector units whose wages had not been revised;

(b) if so, whether the wages of employees of India Firebricks Insulation Company Ltd. have been revised; and

(c) if not, whether its employees are entitled to second ad-hoc relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bureau of Public Enterprises issued a notification on 13th January, 1990 granting second ad-hoc relief to executives and non-unionised supervisors of the enterprises below the Board level.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The unionised employee* are not entitled to this relief.

Implementation of reservation policy for SC and ST candidates by Indian Overseas Bank

877. SHRI AJTT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI AHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a whrther Government directives relating »r reservation for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in services have been properly followed by the Indian Overseas Bank;

(b) whether there is a huge backlog" ^ of vacancies for Scheduled Tribes in direct recruitment/promotions in the Bank; and

(c) what steps have been taken b> Government for proper implementation of reservation policy for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes by the Indian Overseas Bank?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Indian Overseas Bank has reported that it has been following the Government directives relating to reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Services properly. The Bank has a backlog of four vacancies in sub-staff cadre in direct recruitment channel and 66 vacancies in promotions from clerical to officers cadre for Scheduled Tribes. The Bank expects to reduce the above backlog substantially in its ensuing recruitment/promotion process.

Raids conducted by IT department and DRI

878. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of raids con ducted by the Income Tax and Directo rate of Revenue Intelligence authorities to detect economic offences during the last six months;

(b) what are the details of the per sons/companies whose premises were raided; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY

OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Income-tax Department conducted 2607 searches during 1-6-1990 to 30-11-1990 and assets of the value of Rs. 117. 80 crores were seized.

Information regarding searches carried out by DRI is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of branches of regional rural Banks in the country

879. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of regional rural banks in the country and the number of employees and officers working there. State-wise; and

(b) wh: 't efforts are being made by these banks to strengthen the rural economy with special reference to their impact in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The State-wise number of branches of Regional Rural Banks and the num'ber of employees and officers working therein as on 31st March, 1990 (latest data available) is given i_n the Statement. *(see* below)

(b) The Regional Rural Banks have been making constant efforts for strengthening the rural economy of the country by progressive increase of deposits and advances to the target group comprising of small farmers, landless labourers, rural artisans, cottage and village industries etc. During the year ended March, 1990, all Regional Rural Banks put together, disbursed an amount of Rs, 1305. 66 crores in 37. 44 lakh accounts.

The total deposits and loans outstanding in respect of Regional Rural Banks in Madhya Pradesh as on 31st March, 1990 stood at Rs. 317. 31 crores in 27. 72 lakh deposit accounts and Rs. 268. 88 crores in 9. 47 lakh borrowal accounts respectively. The deposits and advances in the State of Madhya Pradesh have registered a growth of 29 per cent and 20 per cent over the previous year respectively. The number of villages served by 1600 branches of the Regional Rural Banks in Madhya Pradesh is about 22400 and the C: D ratio as on 31st March, 1990 of Regional Rural Banks functioning in Madhya Pradesh is 85 per cent.

Statement

SI. No.	S'ate/Union Territory	No. of Branches	No. of Employees 4	No. of Officers
1	2	3		5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh.	17	24	25
2.	Andhra Pradesh. . . .	1124	3967	1290
3.	Assam.	393	1122	437
4.	Bihar	1865	4665	1891
5.	Gujarat	425	797	484
6.	Haryana	329	1193	402
7.	Himachal Pradesh	120	421	99